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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Richard E. Olson /: CASE NO.: PH-7076-A

APPLICATION NO.: 09/505,788 : GROUP : 1624

FILED: FEBRUARY 17, 2000 : EXAMINER: B. Coleman

FOR: SUCCINOYLAMINO BENZODIAZEPINES AS INHIBITORS OF AB PROTEIN PRODUCTION

July 25, 2001

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This response is submitted pursuant to the Office Action dated January 25, 2001, to which a response is due April 25, 2001. A petition for three-month extension of time is herewith submitted, thus extending the due time for response until July 25, 2001. Claims 1-24 are pending.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, without waiver or prejudice, as follows.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the first paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial Number 09/469,939, filed December 24, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/113,588, filed December 24, 1998. --

Please replace page 2 of the specification with clean page 2 as attached following this page.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8, 10, 12, 15-16, 18 and 20 as follows.

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